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1. [REDACTED] refugee learned from designer KOPTIK of the PILSEN (N 50/L 04) Weapons Department of the Skoda Plant that the Skoda Plant is manufacturing a new medium-caliber gun for the Soviet Union. The new alloy being used is said to withstand great variations of temperature. Finished guns were cooled to minus 144°F in cooling rooms especially constructed by the Skoda Plant. They were later tested in firing.
2. The refugee also learned from an acquaintance employed at [the "Askania" Firm at 53 Kladenska, PRAGUE XIX, VOKOVICE] that the "Askania" Firm [supplies the PRAGUE-DEJVICE Military-Technical Institute with parts for the construction of experimental rockets.] Some departments of the Military-Technical Institute are located in the castle at the "Generalka" Settlement which was rebuilt and enlarged in July 1949.

[REDACTED] Comment:

The "Askania" Firm is said to also manufacture barrels for rifles and submachine guns using a new material and following an old German production process.

[REDACTED] Comment:

The information on the manufacture of guns of a temperature-resistant material [REDACTED] Such guns are of importance in arctic warfare and as aircraft armament.

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